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RA's more than hall monitors

BY JOY TIREY
CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

The theme for this year's Resident Assistant and Resident Advisor positions is, "The Greatest Job You'll Ever Love," and to some it is.

Dennis McKay, coordinator of the RA Program says many residents see the resident advisor as a watch dog, waiting for someone to commit an infraction, but says that this is not their intent.

Jason Smith, Butler Hall RA and President of the RA Advisory Board, says he wishes he could convey to everyone that there is much more to being a resident advisor than people think. Smith says, "We have to discipline at times and that may be one of the most disliked parts of the job."

Stacy Diamond, East Mignon RA, says, "We are dealing with personal lives to educational lives.

I wish everyone knew that this program is here to help people, not to be a policeman."

There are 87 resident advisors at MSU.

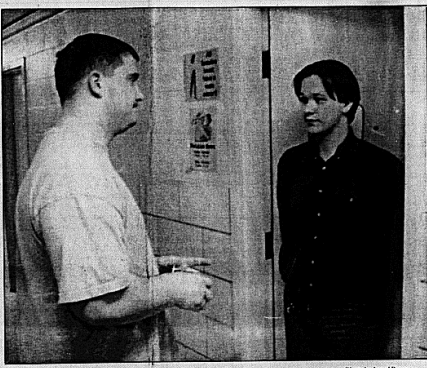
McKay says, "The RA staff we have this year have proven to be one of the most effective and successful groups thus far."

McKay says the staff has a good sense of humor, good communication skills and treat students as worthy human beings.

Johnathan Cram, a head RA in Alumni Tower, says, "I am here to build a community and aid the guys on my floor. I want to be a peer and a mentor for them and I want them to feel comfortable around me."

Smith says resident advisors build friendships with the students and their floors. Some students even e-mail for visits after graduating or changing dorms, he says.

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Resident Advisor Jason Smith, right, discusses a hall issue with resident Jeff Merdith.

Photo by David Burgess

University employee charged in campus thefts

BY HYLA MACGREGOR
EDITOR

MSU Police arrested a university employee this weekend in connection with a computer burglary in Reed Hall that occurred over the holiday break.

Director of Public Safety Richard Green said Monty G. Wilson, a custodian at Reed Hall, was arrested Jan. 29 and charged with receiving stolen property.

"When faced with the allegations, he (Wilson) confessed to the theft," Green said.

According to Green, the two stolen NEC computers and monitors were discovered at Wilson's off-campus residence the evening of the arrest.

"One computer had been cannibalized. We recovered only one computer and parts of the other," Green said.

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Black History celebrated on campus this month

February is Black History Awareness month and many activities, from visiting lectures to musical tributes are planned.

On Feb. 8, 15 and 22 a Sunday Workshop Experience that is both interdenominational and multicultural will be held in 121 Baird Music Hall from 2-5 p.m.

"Harlem Rhapsody" will air Sunday, Feb. 8, on WKMY 90.3 FM at 8 p.m. The program celebrates the Harlem Renaissance, with music by the Cullen Jazz Band and the poetry of Langston Hughes.

To create a better understanding among the various constituencies on campus, MSU's College of Education and Behavioral Sciences will host an African-American

Minority Awareness Week on campus Feb. 9-13.

Feb. 9 will kick off Awareness week activities. Faculty members will be challenged via e-mail to implement diversity concepts and activities in their classes throughout the week. The ideas will be compiled for distribution later this year.

Later that day, African American culture will be highlighted at an art exhibit featuring materials on loan from members of the community and area vendors.

Dr. Rita Eng, assistant professor of education, will speak on "Deconstructing Diversity: Nature, Nurture and Opportunity" on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 9:30 a.m. in the ADUC grill.

At 6 p.m., also in the grill, Dr. Francine Bout-Baier, director of human resources, will address "Recruitment and Retention of African-American Employees."

On Feb. 10, the exhibit will move to the ADUC grill where area vendors will have relevant goods from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and share culturally significant arts. Other activities Tuesday include a space dance contest with MSU sororities and fraternities participating, beginning at 7 p.m. Master Sgt. Reginald Daniel, instructor with MSU's ROTC Program will be the judge. The evening will conclude with a sampling of foods.

Visiting lecturer Dr. Nashid Fakhrid-Deen, minority affairs coordinator at University of Kentucky

will speak on Feb. 11 on "Black Male/Female Relationships." WKMY will present "On Sacred Ground" at 7 p.m., Feb. 13. This features a live performance and interview with a noted cappella group. Sweet Honey in the Rock.

WKMY will celebrate Valentine's Day with a special to air at 8 p.m., Feb. 14, "A Valentine From New Orleans," samples of songs from soul to jazz, country to rock and an interview with Michael Doucet of the Cajun band Beau Sejour.

A banquet sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta and Sigma Gamma Rho sororities will also take place on Feb. 14 in the

Eagle Dining Room. "A Time of Terror: A Survivor's Story" will air Sunday, Feb. 15 at 4 p.m. on WKMY. The program is

SGA concert discussed

BY GARY KENNON
STAFF WRITER

The Student Government Association is making plans to host a spring concert.

SGA members narrowed the choices down to five groups: Root Boys, Blessid Union of Souls, Violent Femmes, Sev'n Mary Three, and Smash Mouth with Third Eye Blind.

When deciding on which band to

based on the autobiography of attempted lynching survivor James

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Hamilton remembered as MSU's best ambassador

Former athletic director loses battle to cancer

BY DEBRA PETTUS-PERRY
MANAGING EDITOR

When MSU Athletic Director Steve Hamilton lost his battle with cancer on December 2, those who knew him say the university lost one of its best-known and best-loved ambassadors.

Hamilton had served as the university's director of intercollegiate athletics since 1987. He was 63.

"Obviously this is a tremendous loss to the university," said MSU President Ron Englin. "Not only have we lost one of MSU's finest ambassadors whose career here extended over 40 years, but also a close personal friend."

"He will be sorely missed and his accomplishments will forever be etched in the history of this university," Englin said.

Hamilton, a graduate of Charlestown High School in Indiana, earned a bachelor's degree from MSU in 1958 and a master's degree in 1963. While here he enjoyed a three-sport career on championship teams

in baseball, track and basketball. He then took a tour of duty in the NBA before turning to professional baseball.

In a 1995 *Trailblazer* interview, Hamilton said athletics were not stressed in his family during childhood.



Steve Hamilton

hood. He described his love for sports as almost instinctive.

"Nobody in my family had ever participated in athletics," said Hamilton. "Sports were just some-

thing that I was kind of drawn to when I was very young."

Hamilton was a 6-foot-7 All-American in basketball. He set five MSU rebounding records, is the Eagles' all-time leading rebounder and fourth leading scorer.

He was a second-round draft choice of the Minneapolis Lakers in 1958 and went to the finals in his rookie season.

After another NBA season, Hamilton switched to baseball and reached the majors with Cleveland in 1961. Hamilton appeared in the 1963 and 1964 World Series during his eight years with the New York Yankees.

Hamilton told the *Trailblazer* in 1995 that as a Yankee, he got the chance to fulfill a childhood dream—to play at Yankee stadium.

Hamilton said he read *Spot Magazine* as a child and imagined himself playing in baseball's most hallowed park. The first time he stepped onto the field, Hamilton said he got very emotional.

I broke down and had tears in my eyes. It was one of the most touching and poignant moments in my life, he said.

Hamilton also played for the Washington Senators, Chicago

White Sox and Cubs, and San Francisco Giants.

He served as player representative for the Senators (1963), Yankees (1965-70) and the American League (1967-70), acting as treasurer of the

Players Representative Association and as a member of the Players Relations Council and the Executive Council.

Hamilton may be most famous for being the originator of a pitch

known as the "folly flourish," in which the ball was thrown very slowly and lobbed high in the air to the batters.

He said the whole idea behind the pitch was to "throw the ball as easily as could be thrown without an egg when I didn't want to break it."

"I hated throwing the folly flourish in a way, because it made me very nervous. It was totally different than anything I'd been doing. I always envisioned someone hitting it over the stadium some day," he said.

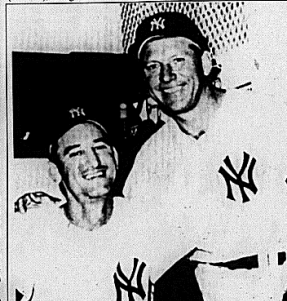
In spite of his misgivings, Hamilton threw the pitch for two years, giving up only five hits—all singles—on the pitch.

Hamilton never made more than \$30,000 a year as a player. He said in 1995 that he saw less of a love for the game from today's multi-million dollar players. He said he had been saddened by the 1995 baseball strike.

"Today's players are guilty of making an awful lot of money and not always having a great attitude," he said.

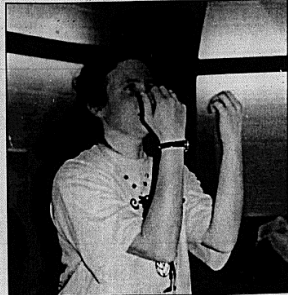
After retiring from baseball as a player, Hamilton began a lengthy managerial career.

In 1973, Hamilton led the Johnson City Yankees of the



Steve Hamilton with Yankee teammate Mickey Maglie in 1962.

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Angle Thacker, Junior advertising/public relations major from Owensville, did aerobics at the BSU Monday afternoon. (Photo by Jessica Harwood)

SGA from front

An official report released this week after SGA figures the total cost and four dates. If no scheduling conflicts arise, SGA plans to bring both musical groups to campus.

Haghey said, "To avoid things like the spring break and mid-term, the earliest any concert can be held is the first or second week in April."

SGA also discussed the blood drive competition being held between Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky University.

Glen White, the Central Kentucky Blood Center representative, said, "The Red Cross Blood Drive did quite well. We got many pints of blood. You can still hear ECU in this competition."

The blood drive continues Feb. 10 and 11 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Burton Drill Hall. White has asked that people sign up before they come to give.

"Sign-ups help us staff the drives. We know how many people

THEFT from front

MSU police also found a 12-volt battery in Wilson's automobile that had been reported stolen from the Lloyd Cassidy Building.

Green attributed information leading to the arrest to an article covering holiday burglaries featured in last week's issue of *The Trailblazer*.

"We believe as a result of the article, a person called in and tipped us off," Green said.

Police Report

January 27
Betsy Hemmington 20, Perkins #7, noo-paying of fine.
Jason Grizzell, 18, 100 Myndor Rd., academic trespass 3rd

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HAMILTON from front

Appalachian League, and worked his way up to pitching coach of the Detroit Tigers.

Hamilton decided in 1976 to return to his native Morehead to become manager of the Eagles Baseball Team.

Hamilton had married Shirley Potter, a former MSU cheerleader, while the two were in college together. They have four children. Shirley Hamilton serves as Director of MSU's Community Development and Continuing Education.

In 1995, Steve Hamilton said of his decision to return to MSU, "I really liked Eastern Kentucky, the people and their attitudes."

"I raised a family here and I never locked my house. If I took my young kids to the movies and picked them up 15 minutes late, I knew nobody was going to snatch them off the street."

During the 14 seasons he spent as the Eagle baseball coach, Hamilton became MSU's all-time winningest coach with 305 career victories. His teams won five divisional championships and two OVC championships and completed two NCAA tournaments.

As athletic director, Hamilton was responsible for hiring coaches, managing a budget of more than \$2 million, ensuring MSU's programs were in compliance with NCAA and OVC regulations and policies, and making sure athletes were treated fairly and given every opportunity to graduate.

"I made friends from last year who still come back to visit me," he says. Smith says he has grown from the experience, not just as a friend but as an informational resource for students.

One job of RA's is to help create quiet study environments throughout the semester. McKay says, "If you want study time, we want to help you get that environment. There are both educational and social ways to get together for each floor to become a little family."

"Diamond says, 'If you want study time, we want to help you get that environment. There are both educational and social ways to get together for each floor to become a little family.'"

He says RA's must maintain an authority level to keep the peace throughout the building.

McKay says, "The RA helps to build a community atmosphere and a feeling of togetherness by instituting and helping organize floor and/or hall programs and activities."

Smith says, "We provide dances, movies, and even Thanksgiving dinner to bring the hall together."

Not only do they become friends with students on their assigned floors, RA's also become friends with other RA's in the dorm.

Diamond says, "It's really hard to put six people together and help them to get along and work together but we do."

He says McKay is good at making the RA staff together. The Office of Student Housing is currently recruiting new RA staff members for the 1998-99 academic year.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., will sponsor Delta Blackology on Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. also in the Commonwealth Room.

"Classically Black" will air Sunday, Feb. 22 at 1 p.m. This special, spotlights the career of African-American singer, actor and activist Paul Robeson.

Feb. 23, motivational speaker, Jack Jackson, who is a graduate of ECU and among the first black athletes to play in the Ohio Valley Conference, will speak at 7 p.m. in the Commonwealth Room at ADUC.

His topic is, "The New Millennium: What's in it for me?"

Dr. Lynne Taetzsch, MSU assistant professor of English, will give a public reading at the Carnegie Center, located at 251 West Second Street in Lexington on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The reading is being held to celebrate publication of Volume II of "The Carnegie Center: Press Anthology." Dr. Taetzsch, who will join the other authors featured in this collection, also will read her short

story, "The Lucky Winner Will Receive" at the reading.

A publication party will conclude the evening and guests may purchase copies of the anthology at the special celebration rate of \$4 per copy, tax included.

Additional information is available from Dr. Taetzsch at (606) 783-2136 or Phyllis MacAdam of the Carnegie Center at (606) 254-4175.

During his tenure, Hamilton saw a state-of-the-art weight facility built and other improvements made to facilities. The graduation rate of Eagle athletes improved and MSU won the Ohio Valley Conference's Academic Achievement Banner on four occasions.

Assistant Baseball Coach Larry Lipker said Hamilton was "a real blessing in my life. Never, ever once was he too busy to talk."

Lipker said he only knew gave him insight and direction in his own baseball career. "He is MSU Baseball. It's a great loss for the program."

Head Baseball Coach John Jargin said Hamilton was a great encourager who always looked for the person in a person.

"I owe him a great deal of gratitude. I count him as a great friend," Jargin said. Jargin said he appreciated the extra wisdom and insight Hamilton shed on the game he was an expert at, baseball.

"He treated everyone the same. Everyone felt like they were his best friend."

Hamilton also added an academic counselor for athletics and began a compliance program.

Mike Mincey, vice-president for Student Life, said Hamilton's value to the University is difficult to measure.

"He was so well-known in the region, across Kentucky and the nation. He was a great representative and ambassador through his personality and professional life," Mincey said.

Hamilton's many honors include spots in the Morehead State University Athletic Hall of Fame, the Ohio Valley Conference Hall of Fame and the Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame.

In his 1995 Trail Blazer interview, Hamilton credited sports for much of his own spirituality and discipline.

He said, "Sports gave me — a young, skinny kid who was not a great student — the opportunity and direction I needed in my life."

Hamilton was born Nov. 30, 1934, to Ruby Asher Hamilton of Charleston, Ind. and the late James Hamilton.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Judy Hamilton.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by four children, Stephanie Fightmaster and

her husband Wayne of Lexington; Elizabeth Mooner and her husband Ross of Aberdeen, Md.; Robert Hamilton and his wife Judy of Morehead and Daniel Hamilton and his wife Jennifer of Cincinnati, Ohio; and a brother, Tom Hamilton and his wife Boony of Shelbyville.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at MSU's Academic-Athletic Center

with Father Bill Fedders, Father Steve Gallenstein, the Rev. Tim Rhodes and MSU Sports Information Director Randy Stacy officiating. Burial was at the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

Fallbearers were: Congressman Jim Bumgar, Dr. Adron Dorn, Dr. Rex Chaney, Harvey Pennington, Paul Osley, John "Sonny" Allen, Dr. J. Hunter Black, Dr. C. Nelson Grote, and Dad Gilbert.

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Wednesday, Feb. 11

4 Stages of Drinking by Mike Green
(sponsored by Delta Tau Delta)
7 p.m., Breck Auditorium

Thursday, Feb. 12

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by Deanna Laston
7 p.m., ADUC Grill

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EDITORIALS

Iraqi weapons a threat to international peace

Once again the United States is seeking support to launch an attack on Iraq and put an end to Saddam Hussein's tyrannical presidency.

Many countries are alarmed by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's ability to produce and retain biological and chemical weapons, as well as the growing threat of Hussein's potential nuclear capabilities. And they have legitimate reasons for concern.

For months United Nations weapons inspections have been obstructed and restricted by Iraqi officials, who strictly forbid any investigation of "presidential sites" in Iraq and refuse to cooperate with any investigation team led by an American.

Even more disturbing is the possibility that Hussein may have used humans as guinea pigs to test anthrax and other biological agents. According to *U.S. News and World Report*, the U.N.'s suspicion of chemical testing on political prisoners was intensified when they discovered that prison records for the past four years have disappeared.

Suggestions of Hussein's Hitler-type qualities combined with his weapons technology poses an international threat that exceeds the Persian Gulf crisis. And as U.N. officials continue to destroy more of Iraq's weapons, they can't help but wonder what stockpiles Hussein has managed to hide.

Meanwhile, the U.N. is hesitant to launch a full attack on Iraq, fearing that Hussein will retaliate by shutting out all weapon inspectors permanently. But Iraq is already crumbling under the pressure of Hussein's political regime. Inflation is sky-rocketing and the people are starving.

The U.S. has reached a point where the risk of doing nothing is too high. Ridding the Middle East of this villainous dictator may be the only way to insure the world peace.



Discoveries...

Internationals add campus flavor

H.M.
BY DEBRA PETKUS-PERRY
COLUMNIST

Who needs to travel all the way to Japan to learn about that country's culture, food and atmosphere when you can learn from our own international students at MSU?

As I begin to watch the 1998 Winter Olympic coverage from Nagano, Japan, I think how I would love to travel there to experience the Olympics in person—not only to view the competition, but to experience life in another land.

Yet I don't have to travel far to encounter other cultures. More than 20 students from Japan live on the campus of MSU.

We also have Asian students from China, Malaysia, and Korea. I got to meet more of them at last semester's "Asian Night."

Other international students come from Africa, the former Czech Republic, Germany and Australia. In fact, students from more than 35 countries enrich the MSU campus.

Most are members of the Cosmopolitan Club, a club designed to give students, all students, not just international students, a chance for fellowship and to share their experiences.

For a fee of \$5 per semester, members meet at get-togethers and participate in activities such as the

upcoming April 4 "International Banquet." A \$5 entrance fee will allow participants to enjoy foods from around the world, a cultural fashion show and multi-cultural program at ADUC's Cnager Room beginning at 5:30 p.m. American students are encouraged to join the Cosmo Club so international students can learn our culture as well.

Just think back to your first year on campus—new classes, friends and a new routine. You probably got to go home on weekends and commiserate with your family and friends.

Imagine how it must be for the foreign student who can't go home

due to lack of time, and expense. And most who come to MSU are not coming with English as their first language.

How challenging it must be for students to leave their family, move to a completely different climate and surroundings and begin their school life away from family and the familiar.

I admire and applaud these students' fortitude to leave the safety and comfort of their own countries to come to MSU and study.

The first meeting is Friday, Feb. 6, in Fields Hall Seminar Room 2. For further information call 783-4543.

Notable Quotes

"Are people getting stranger than ever before, or are the media just reporting it more?"

Bette Midler

"In a community, if someone is shouting anti-Semitic remarks, you don't have to be Jewish to be offended—you just have to be human."

J. Herman Blake

"The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it."

John F. Kennedy

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Letter to the Editor

Proposed bill offers aid for low income families

I am writing to express my support for legislation sponsored by Representative Tom Burch that seeks to open doors to education for low-income Kentuckians.

Kentucky ranks last when it comes to the percentage of adults with less than a ninth grade education.

The federal welfare law is not an education law. It locks people into low-paying jobs.

A five-state study among Illinois, New York, Tennessee, Washington, and Wyoming found that obtaining a college degree moved an average of

81% of recipients off of welfare and onto stable employment. A two-year degree from a community college raised a woman's income by more than 65% over their earning with just a high school diploma. A vocational degree raises the average person's income by 41%. These percentages came from the Center for Women's Policy Studies, 1997.

The proposed law, House Bill 434, allows students, currently dependent on public assistance, to stop the clock while they progress toward higher education goals. It also guarantees that low-income parents have access to support services such as child care and transportation while they go to school.

I urge all citizens of the commonwealth to call your lawmakers and ask them to support this bill.

Kentuckians for the

Commonwealth (KTCF) supports this bill. If you, the readers, are interested in helping push this important bill and would like to join

the KTCF please call 606-878-2161 or write KTCF, P.O. Box 1450, London, Kentucky 40343.

FANNIE MORRIS

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

The Trail Blazer welcomes reader responses and opinions in its Letters column. Letters should be 400 words or less, signed, and include the writer's address and phone number (for verification purposes only). Letters must be received in The Trail Blazer (Room 102 Breckinridge Hall) by 4 p.m. Friday for the next week's publication. Letters are printed as received. However, The Trail Blazer reserves the right to edit for clarity, brevity and legal considerations.

CAMPUS COMMENT

Should the United States take military action against Iraq?



Delmon Oldham
Junior, Business
"They've tried to negotiate with Hussein and he's not willing to cooperate."



Micah Moore
Sophomore, Business Mgt.
"We shouldn't bomb Iraq, we should get rid of Hussein. Cut the head off the chicken."



Jaclyn Wells
Freshman, Elementary Ed.
"Saddam won't comply so we need to make him."



Jackson Lafe
Senior, History
"They should bomb them 'til there's nothing left and put up a McDonald's."



Carrie Heringer
Junior, Psychology
"If necessary, otherwise Iraq will think they can walk on us."

CAMPUS LIFE

ROTC provides training, financial rewards for students

BY ED HARDIN
STAFF WRITER

For some it is an opening to a long career. To others it is an experience used to enhance leadership. Others become involved for money.

The Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is primarily focused on training future officers for the U.S. Armed Forces. But there are other objectives.

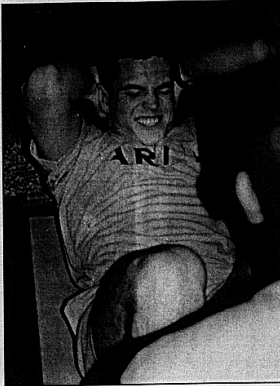
Sophomore Cadet Kristie Prater, 19, a finance and computer science major says she was offered a cheerleading scholarship to attend Morehead

but decided to get involved in ROTC.

"I kind of grew out of cheerleading and if (the ROTC) was a good opportunity," Prater says. "If I didn't do it now I'd never get to do it again."

Prater takes advantage of the full tuition scholarship offered by the ROTC program. By receiving the three-year scholarship she is obligated to serve eight years -- either active, in the Army Reserve, the National Guard, or a combination of any of the two.

Prater says she wants to go active as soon as she graduates so



Brett Hamilton struggles to complete a series of sit-ups as part of a two-minute physical training test given monthly in ROTC.

(Photo by Ed Hardin)

she will know if she wants to pursue a career in the military.

"A lot of people are just here (in school) taking classes," Prater says. "Even if you're not sure what you want to be, you have four years to decide what you want to be and maybe it will be in the military."

Senior industrial technology major Brett Hamilton says he's always wanted to be in the military but urges those who need financial help to look to the ROTC program as a way of getting a degree.

"The classes are fun even if you aren't interested in a military career and you get your tuition paid for," says Hamilton.

Both Hamilton and Prater agree applying for the ROTC scholarship was very simple. By applying their grades and submitting to a physical and a security background check both were awarded scholarships.

"The ROTC helps you become a better person. It improves your responsibility, time management and gets you in better shape," says Hamilton.

Nominations are sought for MSU service awards

Nominations are now being accepted for two awards to be given by MSU to recognize both faculty and staff members for outstanding service.

MSU's Committee for Service is soliciting nominations for recipients of these awards not only from the University's faculty and staff, students and alumni, but also from the general public.

The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, March 2, for submission of nominations for the Distinguished Faculty and Distinguished Staff Service awards, according to Dr. Jonell Tobin, committee chair.

To be eligible for the awards, the faculty or staff member must exemplify the highest ideals of

citizenship and services. Information sheets with specific criteria may be obtained from Dr. Tobin. She may be reached at (606) 783-5380 or toll-free at 800-648-5371.

Nominations should include name, address and telephone number(s) of nominee, along with a one-page letter detailing how the nominee meets the criteria. All nominations will remain anonymous," Dr. Tobin said.

All materials should be submitted to Dr. Jonell Tobin, Chair, Service Committee, Morehead State University, UPO 2461, Morehead, KY 40351-1489. Presentation of the awards will be made during the University's Spring Commencement.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

FEB. 4 Lady Eagles vs. Murray State, AAC, 7:30 p.m.

PBL Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Eagle Dining Room

FEB. 5 Eagles vs. Tennessee State, 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 6 Free Movie Night, Titaric

FEB. 7 Eagle and Lady Austin Peay, 1 p.m. & 3:15 p.m.

FEB. 8-14 PBL/FBLA National Week

FEB. 9 Street Magic, Steve Trash, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., ADUC

Lady Eagles vs. Tenn. State, AAC, 7:30 p.m.

FEB. 9-13 SGA Awareness Week

FEB. 11 SGA Meeting, 5 p.m., Riggie Room

PBL SPEAKER, Dan Johnson, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mike Green, Four Stages of Drinking, 7 p.m., Breck Auditorium

Dr. Nashid Fakhrid Dean, speaker for Black History Month lecture, Commonwealth Room, ADUC

Symphony band to present concert

MSU's Symphony Band, under the direction of Dr. Richard Miles will premiere the newly-commissioned work "They Sing of Love" on Friday, Feb. 13, in Button Auditorium on the Campus.

The work, written by Dr. Timothy Mahr, was commissioned by the University's 75th Anniversary committee with matching funds from MSU Bands in observance of the University's 75th year as a public institution of higher learning.

The concert, held in conjunction with the University's 40th annual Band Clinic, will begin at 8 p.m. in Button Auditorium. Dr. Roma Prindle, MSU assistant professor of music, will be the soprano soloist for the performance as well as Dr. Stephen King from the University of Kentucky, baritone soloist. Admission is \$4 for adults and free to those six and under.

"They Sing of Love draws upon the rich vocal folk traditions of the Appalachian mountain regions of Kentucky, according to Dr. Mahr, composer from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. To feature the local musical heritage, he reviewed "hundreds of folk tunes, spirituals and hymns searching for the few that would be the basis for this composition."

An associate professor of music at St. Olaf College where he teaches courses in composition, conducting and music education and supervises instrumental student teaching, Dr. Mahr is active as a guest conductor and clinician across the nation and in Norway and Canada. He previously held positions at the University of Minnesota and Milaca (Minn.) High School and was founder and conductor of the community-based Twin Ports Wind Ensemble. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Band Directors Association.

He has been in residence as a

guest composer/conductor on nearly 20 college and university campuses and his interpretations have earned the praise of notable composers such as Gain Carlo Menotti, Warren Benson, Vincent Persichelli, Timothy Broege and Fisher Tull.

A noted composer, Dr. Mahr has more than 40 works to his credit, 21 of which are compositions for wind bands. He received the ABA-Caswell Award for his piece "The Scouring Hawk" in 1991.

His works have been presented at Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in New York, at international and national music conventions as well as programmed by several armed service bands, major college and university bands and ensembles in 17 countries on four continents.

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MSU, ECU vie in 'Battle for Life' blood drive

BY LORI SCHUTTEMA
STAFF WRITER

MSU will challenge Eastern Kentucky University on and off the basketball court on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 10-11 in the inaugural "Battle for Life" blood drive competition.

The challenge will be held on both campuses, and donations will

be accepted from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on both days of the drive, which will be held in the Button Drill Room of Butson Auditorium at MSU.

The drive coincides with the second MSU-ECU basketball game of the season, and is expected to become an annual event.

The blood drive is patterned after the UK vs. Arkansas football game

that took place a few years back.

Glen White, donor resources consultant at Central Kentucky Blood Center, said, "There has always been a rivalry between MSU and ECU in athletics, and this blood drive is a good way to get people to donate. If one school wants to beat the other, then more people will donate."

The drive was envisioned by

Randall Combs, MSU junior from Jackson, Ky., who is president of the university's chapter of Young Democrats. The drive is co-sponsored by the Young Democrats, Student Government Association, the Residence Halls Association and Greek chapters.

The specific goals for the drive are that Eastern will get 300

donations, and MSU will get around 200 donations.

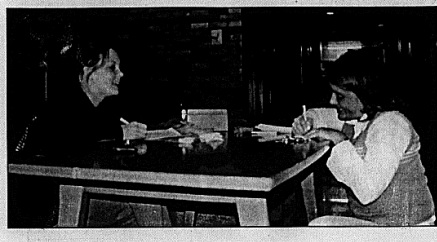
White said, "I'm quite sure we will reach 300 at Eastern. MSU's goal is a little lower, because of other blood drives that have been going on since the beginning of the year, but I am sure we will be successful."

The residence halls who compete and have the highest percentage of donors, will win a pizza party and participants from the Greek chapters will receive service recognition points. The sorority and fraternity with the highest number of donors will receive a plaque during Greek Week activities. Members of the community are also invited to participate in the campus effort.

All participants will receive a free "Battle for Life" T-shirt featuring the MSU eagle logo, and the ECU colonial logo, and are eligible to participate in the challenges between campus organizations.

The names of individuals who make a donation on either day will be eligible for door prize drawings. Door prizes include Carter's Road House gift certificates, CDs from Main Street Music, autographed copies of Dr. Don Flatt's recently published history of MSU book, Pasquale coupons, and Kylie Rae autographed basketballs.

The University that recruits the highest percentage of donors will receive a traveling trophy that is to be awarded during the MSU-ECU basketball game which will be held in Richmond on Feb. 14. Any additional information on the "Battle for Life" competition blood drive is available by calling Randall Combs at (606) 783-3880; Pauline Young, MSU media relations director, at (606) 783-2411, or Glen White, donor resources consultant at the Central Kentucky Blood Center, at 800-775-2522.



Regents Hall resident Carrie LeMaster sells Valentine candy to Jennifer Vanover as part of a fundraising effort for Regents.

Prindle will present MSU opera recital

Dr. Roma Prindle, MSU assistant professor of music, will present a faculty recital on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall. She will be accompanied on the piano by guest artist, Denise LeBlanc.

The program will open with the motette by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Essulante, Jililante. Also included will be songs by Richard Strauss, Henri Duparc, William Walton, and an aria from Rossini's opera, "The Barber of Seville."

A native of Eastern Kentucky, Dr. Prindle is a graduate of Transylvania University and holds both a Master of Music degree and Doctor of Musical Arts degree in vocal performance from the Hart School of Music in Hartford, Conn. She has been a faculty member in MSU's Department of Music since 1993.

Her concert and recital experience solo performances in 30 states and in Europe. She has performed with several American opera companies, including the Connecticut Opera, Opera Ronconi, Connecticut Concert Opera and Connecticut Opera Express. She was a regional finalist in the 1982 Metropolitan Opera National Auditions and in 1986 created the title role in Virginia Fullam's new opera "Mormon" with the University of Minnesota Opera. She was a member of Goodspeed Opera's 1991 revival of "The Most Happy Fella," with Metropolitan Opera bass-baritone, Spiro Malas.

The concert is free and open to the public. Additional information is available from Dr. Prindle at (606) 783-2481.

Student Spotlight



BY EMILY B. MOSES
STAFF WRITER

Megan Trumble feels that Morchhead State University has prepared her for life after graduation.

Trumble, a 21-year-old senior, attributes her well developed leadership and communication skills to the university and the Greek system.

Trumble has been a member of Delta Gamma for three years. She has held various offices including the 1997 Phyllisella Rush chair and president of Delta Gamma for 1998.

"I don't want people to base judgment of the Greek system on what they see on television. It's true friendship and a home away from home. Really, it's what has kept me here," Trumble says.

Roommates Jenny Jones and Brooke Hardin describe Trumble as a hard worker and independent person who is fun to be around.

"Trumble's parents' divorce at age 13 forced her to grow up fast and take on responsibilities that most teens are not faced with, she says. "From day one it's not been, 'are you going to go to college?'" Trumble says. "It has been, 'you will go to college.'"

A marketing major, Trumble will graduate in December, 1998. She hopes to be employed by a pharmaceutical company based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Trumble hopes someday to have children whom she may teach good morals and values — the basics of life, she says.



BY EMILY B. MOSES
STAFF WRITER

Scott Hyer wants people to know that everyone has the power to change the world. However, Hyer believes the focus is on the individual.

"A human being, as one person, can get results and affect the masses," Hyer says.

Hyer, a senior speech major, has concerns about our world and our country that he feels others may not be aware of. A few of his main concerns are the state of the government and protecting individuals' freedom.

"Freedom is a gift at birth," Hyer says. "How can you be truly free with people telling you what to do all of the time?"

Hyer has been involved in campus activities such as ROTC and the marching band.

He enjoys exercising, listening to music, and archery as leisure activities. Heroes for Hyer include the band Kiss and his grandfather, Rufus Reed, who published books that can be found in the Camden-Carroll Library.

Hyer describes himself as a globalist and an individual and attributes his accomplishments to the influence he has had on himself.

"Sometimes people forget that they can determine the outcome of a situation. You always have a choice in the matter," Hyer says.

Hyer has attended MSU for five years and will graduate in May. He is looking forward to graduation and wants to pursue a career in professional theater.

One-on-one financial aid advice available

BY DEBRA PETKUS-PERRY

MANAGING EDITOR

Non-traditional students who had questions about financial aid didn't have to schedule an appointment, or wait in line on Monday. Instead, they got one-on-one answers at the commuter lounge in ADIC.

Financial Aid Counselor Donna King spent her lunch hour answering a wide range of questions for 10 students.

"I think it was a good way to do this," King said. With only four financial aid counselors on staff for more than 8,000 students, it can be hard to schedule an appointment. Each counselor is assigned several students by alphabet, King said. She said despite the numbers, it works well.

"We stay with those students throughout their time here," King said. "We know their situation and they don't have to re-explain."

King spoke with the students on the invitation of Jacqueline Scott, non-traditional student director.

If a student didn't feel comfortable discussing his or her financial situation in public, they could discuss their matters confidentially in an office visit, King said.

Any club or group of students can invite a financial aid officer to come to a meeting or set up a table, King said.

She said they are available if there is enough interest. King can be reached at 783-4543.

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Casey's Corner

Hoops yet to improve

BY CASEY TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Last spring MSU administrators decided not to renew the contracts of then basketball coaches Dick Pick and Janet Gabriel.

Administrators decided the MSU basketball programs needed a change and brought in present coaches Kyle Macy and Laura Litter to provide that change.

Pick and Gabriel were released largely due to the horrible line in all sports—wins and losses.

Both coaches were unable to lead MSU into the basketball promise land. Hence, enter Macy and Litter.

Fick ended his last season as coach of the men's team 9-19 and 64-94 over his six years at the Eagles' helm.

Gabriel finished her last season as coach of the MSU women with a 12-16 record and 42-49 overall throughout five seasons.

To date, Macy and Litter have yet to achieve the dazzling change expected of them.

A quick glance at some facts and figures from last year compared to this year show more than a significant lack of progress.

Last year MSU finished 8-19 for the year under Fick and 6-12 in the OVC. At this point in the season a year ago MSU was 6-15 and 4-9 in conference play.

This year the Eagles are currently 3-18 under their first coach Macy and 2-11 in OVC play. It would appear that the men's team has taken a few steps back rather than the exciting change Macy was brought in for.

As a possible reason for the lack of progress is that MSU is not putting up the numbers they did a year ago under Fick.

The Eagles led the OVC in scoring last year at 81.7 points-per-game while their opponents averaged 68.6.

This year the Eagles are scoring at a 62.1 points-per-game pace while their opponents are scoring 73.5 points-per-game.

MSU topped the century mark twice last season with their season high being 130 points. So far this year the Eagles haven't hit 90.

The Eagles have lost several close games this season and are starting to show signs of improvement but the bottom line still remains the same—more defeats than victories.

On the women's side of the coin, MSU has taken a step back.

Last year at this point MSU scored an 8-12 record and finished the year in fourth place in the OVC with a 9-9 conference record.

The Lady Eagles are currently 6-14 and 2-10 inside the conference.

The Lady Eagles have not been able to make the numbers they need to be a successful team.

The women led the OVC in scoring average last year with a 70.7 points-per-game average and their opponents averaged 67.9.

This year the Lady Eagles this season have topped their scoring average at 73.9 points-per-game but so far have lost 15 of 18 games.

The Lady Eagles have dropped tremendously in conference play.

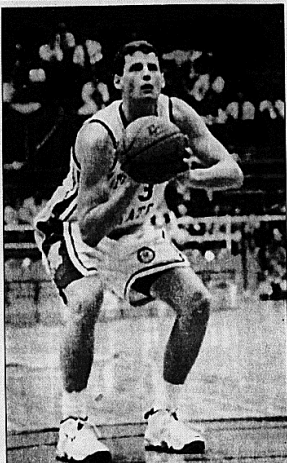
Last season MSU took advantage of their fourth place OVC finish by making it to the conference tournament semi-finals.

This year the Lady Eagles are set for last in the conference and will need to finish strong to even make it to the first round tournament.

Cash Litter came to MSU with some impressive credentials. However they were on the Junior College level.

The only credentials Macy brought to MSU were gained many years ago as a player for the University of Kentucky.

So far neither coach has changed what they were brought in to do—more wins—fewer losses.



MSU forward Jeremy Webb concentrates on his free-throw attempt in the Eagles' 95-81 loss to Murray State. (Photo by Jerald Burgess)

Eagles lose three; drop to 2-11 in conference play

BY DICK HARDIN
STAFF WRITER

MSU has dropped their last three games. The biggest loss came on Jan. 29 on the road to 9-10 SEMO.

The Eagles were in this game throughout the first half and only trailing by 10 after six lead changes.

SEMO came out in the second half with Nathan Owen looking to score. Owen nailed three tri-sets to lead the Indians on a 20-7 run. From there the party was over and the Eagles never got closer than 15 the rest of the way through the contest.

Thomas Jenkins led MSU with

13 points while Chris Stone and Ted Dockes both crashed the boards with eight rebounds a piece.

MSU had to finish the last four minutes of the game without head coach Kyle Macy as he was ejected on a double technical charge.

From Missouri the Eagles traveled to Eastern Illinois to take on the Panthers.

Although MSU never led in this game it remained close until the end. With 9:30 left Stone missed two free-throws that would have put the Eagles up by one.

This allowed Eastern Illinois to extend their lead to five.

With only 30 seconds remaining Jeremy Webb decided a three-pointer to cut the lead to two. The Eagles were forced to send the Indians to the line for the remainder of the game and couldn't score after that losing 63-56.

Aaron Knight led the Eagles with 19 points followed by Stone's 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Last night the 3-17 Eagles were at home against 21-3 Murray. Considering Murray's phenomenal season, MSU remained even at the half 39-39.

Much of that was due to evenly distributed scoring. All eight of the Eagles had saw action in the first frame had

points on the board while Murray had no help at all off the bench.

MSU's lead was short lived in the second half as they went down by one a minute and a half into the second half. They did regain it by one point on two separate occasions.

The Racers never broke it open until they went up by eleven with under 10 minutes left.

The Eagles had four members in double digit led by Dewayne Krom's 16 points and 8 rebounds.

The difference was in containing Murray's De'Terri Mayes or the lack thereof. He was unstoppable leading the Racers 25-81 victory with 27 points, 15 of those coming from behind the arc.

Men's, women's basketball teams will take on Austin Peay at 1 p.m. Saturday in the AAC

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Baseball team ready for new start in upcoming season

Pitching will be key

BY DICK HARDIN
STAFF WRITER

After last season's dismal 0-11 start and finishing seventh in the OVC, the MSU Eagle baseball team is ready for a fresh start.

The Eagles did pull out a 25-30 overall record and managed to sweep season series against such teams as Louisville and Cincinnati.

Coach John Jamnagin says he believes this season's team is ready to put the past behind them and pick up some early wins.

"These guys quite possibly have the best attitude of any team I've coached," says Jamnagin. "This team is also very tight knit."

Senior Sean Jantzen, who has worked his way into a starting position calling the pitches from behind the plate, says because

Dunn and pitching coach Matt Burnett are two new coaches that have also joined the Blue and Gold.

"They both help us spend our time more efficiently during practice," says Martinec.

The Eagles have been able to get outside and play a lot of interspersed games due to the warm weather, says Jamnagin. "They go to get help us since we play a lot of teams south of us, so we get a lot more practice time."

the team is so close they handle criticism better than one another.

"We really can pick each other up when things aren't going well," says Jantzen. "And it's so much more fun because we all believe in Jamnagin's system."

Junior pitcher, Matt Martinec says, "The team will improve dramatically by changing the overall attitude from just getting by to striving for excellence."

This season's team only has four seniors opposed to the previous 10 from last season.

Jamnagin says the infield has been remodeled dramatically. Josh Cox is the only familiar face on the dirt, starting at third.

Shortstop John Holbrook from Logan C.C., second baseman Mark Dickson from Old Miss, and pitcher Rick Cerey of North Florida C.C. are three new junior transfer students that Jamnagin says will be immediately "plugged" into the system.

"Both (toponymies) Sammy Hoehner and Holbrook are really battling it out for shortstop," says Jamnagin. "They both want it and are both players that will help this program."

Players aren't the only new faces on the diamond though. Fielding and hitting coach Mitch

Jantzen says, "We're very aggressive and aren't going to be intimidated. We feel like we can come out with a winning record after 10 or 15 games," Jantzen says. "We just want that big, fat championship ring."

Martinec says, "Our goal is to win two of those from every OVC team."

The Eagles aren't without their woes. Jamnagin says pitcher John Jantzen has sprained tendons in his flexing hand and starting right-fielder Todd Barker has a broken foot.

MSU could live or die by the men on the mound this season. Martinec, who went 4-2 with one save, lists pitching as both MSU strengths and weaknesses. "We've got some solid guys but I'm not sure how deep we are."

Jamnagin agrees, "It all comes down to who can come up and give us the win on the mound."

The Eagles are scheduled to open their season on the road as they visit the number two Conference U.S.A. team, UNC Charlotte, on Saturday. MSU then will face a Winthrop S.C. team that is favored to win the Big South before leaving their home

opponent at Atlantic Tech Feb. 21 and 22 against Butler University.

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